

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

Merry Christmas to all.

New Year's Market in Stouffville will be held on Monday, Dec. 29th.

Send or telephone The Tribune the names of your holiday visitors from a distance.

Among the members of the Markham Presbyterian church a petition has been circulated, asking the session for a vote on church union. The vote will be taken on Dec. 29.

The Methodist Sunday School held Christmas tree and supper on Friday evening last, for which there was no charge, but a free-will offering taken to defray the indebtedness of the school amounted to \$65.

As we go to press we learn of the death of Daniel Sherrick, an aged and well known resident of Bethsaida, who died on Tuesday night in his 84th year. Interment at Dixon Hill cemetery on Friday. Service at the church on arrival of the funeral leaving the house at 1:30 p.m.

Will any of our subscribers who have a copy of The Tribune of Dec. 24th, which they do not require, kindly hand the same in to the office of this paper, as one or two of our subscribers are very anxious to receive an extra of that date. Our copies which were reserved for sale have all been disposed of.

The sale of wood lots at lot 8, concession 1, Uxbridge, about two miles from Stouffville, on Monday afternoon last drew a good crowd of determined bidders. The bush, which is one of the few remaining good ones in this section, realized extra large prices in quarter acre lots, averaging \$200 or more per acre. Many who went to buy came away disappointed because prices went so high, but we didn't hear any such complaint from William Petch, the owner.

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THE WEST END GROCER

Wanted—A couple of school boys as boarders. Apply Tribune Office.

There is prospect for a candy factory in Markham, according to last week's Economist, and an option on the old Christian church property has been secured.

Both the skating and curling rinks were opened on Saturday. At the skating rink the kiddies enjoyed a spin in the afternoon, while the older ones participated in the sport more freely in the evening.

If Mrs. J. Grice who resides one door east of Baptist church lives till Saturday of this week, (and she is bright and happy this Christmas day), she will celebrate her 86th birthday. Mrs. Grice lived for many years on the 9th concession of Markham, but has been a resident of Stouffville for the past six years.

Fox farming is steadily growing in popularity in this section, two more farmers having branched into the business this week. They are Wm. Reesor of Attona and Lloyd Moyer of Dixon Hill. The former has purchased two pairs of silver grey black foxes, and the latter one pair, from J. S. McMullen of Toronto. The animals are from prize winning stock raised in Prince Edward Island, where fox farming supersedes any other branch of the industry.

Last week the North York Plowmen's Association received a nice Christmas box in the form of a cheque for \$50 from the Provincial Government, who are assisting all properly formed plowing associations in the province, in a similar way. The local association now have a cash balance of about \$100, and no liabilities. This will be a nice start for next year's plowing match, which the boys say they will make the biggest in the province, outside the provincial match.

The financial statement for the corporation of Stouffville will be in the clerk's hands on Friday, and any citizen who wishes a copy may get one by going to the clerk's office. The statement shows substantial cash balances in most departments, and this is very gratifying in view of the fact that each department has endeavored to gather in all outstanding accounts against the municipality. It is possible that the tax rate may be slightly reduced next year.

The will of the late James Bryson Johnson of Markham township, who died on August 2nd, leaving an estate valued at \$21,799, bequeathed his dwelling, together with an annuity of \$600 a year, and \$3,899.15 in cash and securities to his wife. To each of his sons W. P. Johnson and R. R. Johnson there is left a farm in Markham Township. The Johnson home is about two miles south of Stouffville on the 9th concession.

**CUTTERS and SLEIGHS**

I have a full stock of Sleighs, Cutters, Robes and Blankets and Bells of all kinds, at reasonable prices. Come early, they are going fast.

NOTE—We have a good Overland used Truck for Sale.  
**W. H. TODD**

The Auditorium Theatre will be closed until further notice. S. G. Schmidt.

W. H. Todd has donated two prizes for the bonspiel to be played at Stouffville Curling rink this winter. The bonspiel is scheduled to be played before the inter-rinks games commence.

Lost—A purse containing money, somewhere on 9th con. of Markham. J. M. Blair, Phone Markham 4626.

The property on Church street belonging to the estate of the late Margaret McDonald, which was advertised for sale by tender in these columns two weeks ago, was not disposed of by the Imperial Trust Co., of Toronto, administrator of the estate.

On Thursday last, the Tribune had a call from Mr. C. Gayman of Almirra, who is only slowly recovering from a long siege of illness. In his more active days Mr. Gayman was looked upon as one of the most powerful men in Markham Township. His huge frame carried with it tremendous strength and he was capable of accomplishing almost twice the work of an average man. Although some of the alertness has gone out of his body, Mr. Gayman still carries that placid countenance peculiar to the good old pioneer stock of Markham. He is a descendant of one of the very old Mennonite families of this section.

Old man winter appears to have come along at last, when on Saturday night the thermometer took a real nose dive and before Sunday morning had reached 14 below zero in Stouffville. It moderated somewhat before church goes, ventured forth, but again on Sunday night it registered several degrees below. There is good sleighing while a number of cars are also on the roads. The extreme weather caught a number of car owners unprepared and those whose batteries were not well charged, found they had frozen up. Severe weather is reported from the western provinces and in Northern Ontario.

Last Sunday the Melville congregation of the Presbyterian church commenced to take a vote on the church union question. The procedure followed in taking the vote is much the same as that of a municipal or provincial election, there being an official ballot box, and election officers on duty at stated times during an interval of two weeks. As an election is said to be as uncertain as a horse race, we won't say anything of the probable result of this ballot. Rev. R. Young of Stouffville is pastor of the Melville congregation. We understand the vote will be taken in the Stouffville church early in the new year.

Ratepayers should interest themselves in the bylaw to be voted on January 5th to give Muston & Sons, nurserymen, a fixed assessment of \$5000 for a period of five years. At the present time the plant is assessed for \$5500, so that the company are not asking for any material reduction, and we believe that a favorable vote being recorded will work to the advantage of Stouffville, as it will induce the firm to enlarge and extend their plant to greater proportions. The fixed assessment asked for does not in any way affect the local improvement and school taxes, so that it is, after all, a very modest demand. Let Stouffville encourage the few industries now in our midst and perhaps others will be influenced to locate here. No doubt the councillors and reeve will bring the matter before the ratepayers at the nomination meeting next Monday evening.

In order to stimulate more interest among the young people in the school sections comprising the Stouffville School Fair area, very liberal prizes have been arranged for the 1925 fair.

Three prizes will be given for colts, draught type, of \$3, \$2 and \$1 for first, second and third. For draught colt one year old similar prizes are offered.

Cattle will be shown in four classes, best calf, pure bred or grade; best female over year old; dairy calf pure bred or grade; best female over one year. In each of these four classes the prizes will be \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Similar prizes to the above are to be given for best spring lamb of any breed, and for best breeding ewe over one year old.

Liberal prizes for poultry have been arranged, and it is anticipated that the additional attractive prize list will result in a big show of live stock.

At the present time it is hard to say whether an election will be held in Stouffville on January 5th for reeve and councillors. Reeve Dougherty is likely to stand for re-election while others mentioned for the position are F. W. Silvester and Amos Lehman. Should Mr. Silvester step forward, there may be an entirely new council to elect. Dr. Dales is retiring after one year at the board, while F. W. Silvester says he is not likely to be a candidate. Also E. A. Lunau is retiring. Thus there would be vacancies in the council for each of the four seats. New names mentioned on the street are Walter Brillinger, Jos. Borinsky and H. W. Sanders. It looks as though there were more positions than candidates but after nomination night the situation may change. Mr. Geo. Dowsell is being frequently mentioned for the school board and would make a capable man. Dr. Smith and Truman Holden have not decided so far to stand for re-election to this board, but Mr. Rowbotham has announced himself as a probable candidate.

Owing to New Year's Day coming on Thursday, the Tribune will be printed on Wednesday night, and we ask our advertisers to hand in their change of copy on Monday.

Send names of your Christmas visitors in by Monday or Tuesday next week, as The Tribune goes to press earlier than usual, owing to Thursday being New Year's Day.

David Russell has sold his farm at lot 15, con. 7, Pickering, to a Mr. Hill of Toronto. The farm comprises about 114 acres, has excellent buildings, and the price which includes the live stock and implements was \$17,000. Mr. Russell has leased a house in Markham village where he is now located.

The big auction sale at Harmon Jones' farm just south of Stouffville on Tuesday drew a large crowd of people. The sale opened at 10.45 by auctioneer Silversides, would have continued until about 5 o'clock had not some of the cows and machinery been withdrawn from sale. As it was the sale totalled \$3,200, while the threshing machine, some implements and about twelve cows advertised were not offered. Milch cows sold up to \$110, and the Fordson tractor brought \$430. The farm was not offered by auction.

Last Monday was Christmas market day in Stouffville, and although it was not a good day for farmers to get poultry ready for, a big crowd was here. Although several tons of poultry changed hands, some buyers did not get what they required. Chickens sold up to 29c. pound, geese from 20 to 23, according to quality, and turkeys brought 25c. pound. Mrs. N. Tarr of Mongolia, brought in what was perhaps the largest turkey, weighing 20 pounds, and at the market price realized as much money as a small pig would bring. Eggs were scarce and sold at 70c. dozen. Butter brought 36 to 38c. Some merchants report one of the best business days in years.

Porter's guessing contest closed Tuesday night, and T. L. Fawcett of the Standard Bank staff, may now be styled as the modern authority on pumpkins. Mr. Fawcett guessed there were 607 seeds in the big pumpkin, and he was just one short, there being 608. He has been presented with the big basket of chocolates by Mr. Porter as a mark of his prowess on sizing up the interior of pumpkin heads. The lowest guess was 28, and the highest 30080. Some of the near guesses were, Gordon Holden 606, Murfin Williams 605, A. Green 610, I. G. J. 311, Laura Eor-syth 613 and Mrs. Jos. Lemon 620. In all 338 guesses were handed in. Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Malloy counted the seeds, while anxious guessers waited the result.

For the daring robbery at the Hoge & Lytle seed warehouse in Port Perry on October 10th, when the manager James Lucas had \$11,650 in bonds stolen from his cash box, Charles Lang of Toronto a paroled man, was last week sentenced at Whitby to three years in Kingston penitentiary. Since then the other arrest has been made in Toronto in connection with the crime. The prisoner is Andrew Sinclair, who was arrested by the Toronto and Whitby constables. Of the bonds stolen from James Lucas all but a few hundred dollars worth were registered. Some days after the crime he was invited by letter to come into an open field near Whitby, and told that if he brought \$3,000 the bonds would be turned over to him. He was not to communicate with the police, at the risk of losing the bonds. Because Lucas took an officer to the field with him the robbers turned and fled, and a thrilling chase took place from Whitby to the Kennedy Road, near Toronto. Many shots were fired in the flight, a couple of which took effect in the thieves' car which later was abandoned. Subsequently Mr. Lucas received the registered bonds through the mail, but about \$650 in unregistered bonds are still missing.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
In loving memory of our dear mother Mrs. Samuel Strong, who passed away on Dec. 20th, 1923. Her dear loved voice is silent. We have kissed her marble brow. And in our aching hearts we know. We have no mother now.  
Family

Paisley—In loving memory of our dear baby, William Herbert. He was only a little white rose bud. A sweet little flower from birth just a year has passed away. When he was the sunshine of our home. A treasure to us again. To cheer us for a little while. Now gone to bloom in heaven. Sadly missed by Daddy, Mother and Sisters.

**Baker Bros.**

Stouffville, extend to the general public the old wish, a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

We invite you to see our Christmas display of cars at our Garage during the holiday week.

**Greetings**  
With many a kindly thought, and all Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year  
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**A GREETING**

May we wish at this joyous season a very Merry Christmas to all.

And may we further be permitted to extend our sincere thanks to those who have so generously bought from us in the year now closing.

To these good friends, old and new, and to those whom it will be our privilege to serve in the future, extend best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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